

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Nehemiah Project

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Valley View Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$100,000 for building acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of Lower Fairview

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of buildings in the Lower Fairview neighborhood in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on blight elimination and reconstruction efforts to improve the quality of life for residents living in the Lower Fairview area and to spur economic development.

Project Name: Coalport Borough streetscape project

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Coalport Borough Council

Address of Requesting Entity: 961 Forest Street, Coalport, PA 16627

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$150,000 for Coalport Borough streetscape project

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for streetscape improvements in Coalport Borough, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on downtown revitalization efforts within the Borough's historic and central business districts to improve the quality of life for residents and spur economic development.

Project Name: Bedford County business park development

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bedford County Development Association

Address of Requesting Entity: One Corporate Drive, Suite 101, Bedford, PA 15222

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$250,000 for Bedford County business park development

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the development of a business park in Bedford County, Pennsylvania to facilitate regional economic growth and development. The project is expected to focus on the creation of high tech, light industrial, office, and warehouse distribution.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is estimated that completion of this project would create approximately 500 new jobs.

Project Name: Improvements to 1-81, Franklin County, PA

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Township of Antrim

Address of Requesting Entity: 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA 17225

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$750,000 for Improvements to 1-81, Franklin County, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for improvements to Interstate 81 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. These upgrades will address existing traffic movement deficiencies and create capacity for planned economic development. Franklin County is one of the fastest growing counties along the eastern corridor.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to economic development while also improving safety and relieving congestion on the Interstate.

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$4,000,000 for Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA

In 2002, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who courageously gave their lives to protect their fellow citizens. Funding for this project would be used to pay for the federal share of the infrastructure needs to accomplish Phase IA and 1B of the project as described and approved in the park's General Management Plan. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a national memorial for all citizens to memorialize and reflect on the tragic event of September 11th and to provide the heroes of Flight 93 with a proper resting place.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2010:

I originally requested \$2 million in this legislation for the Improvements to State Route 52 East/West project through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation & Community & System Preservation account. It is my understanding that \$400,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), located at 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, California 92101.

This project seeks to add Managed Lanes and extends the freeway to greatly improve traffic flow in East San Diego County on SR52 from 1-15, east to SR67, including a freeway exchange at SR52 and SR67, allowing for traffic flow to be reversed during peak periods. This project has been identified as "high-priority" by local and state transportation agencies as it will provide residents living in East County better access to employment in the

western part of the region while also relieving congestion on existing freeways and local arterials. For example, the completed project is expected to reduce traffic on Interstate 8 by as much as 20%.

I also originally requested \$2 million in this legislation for the Bradley Ave/State Route (SR)-67 Interchange project through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation & Community & System Preservation account. It is my understanding that \$400,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Diego, located at 5555 Overland Avenue, San Diego, California 92123.

The Bradley Ave/SR-67 Interchange experiences heavy congestion during the morning and afternoon commute and currently operates at a failing level of service during peak traffic hours. This project will provide congestion relief for the residential neighborhoods east of SR-67, the businesses west of SR-67 and regional commuters by widening 0.75 miles of Bradley Avenue from two lanes to four, add lanes to the SR-67 on-ramps and off-ramps and replace the narrow existing 2-lane Bradley Avenue bridge over SR-67 with a 6-lane bridge. New bike lanes and sidewalks will also be incorporated into this project on Bradley Avenue.

Bradley Avenue is a key part of San Diego's Regional Arterial System and is classified as a Major Road. Improvements to this interchange will address local accessibility and regional mobility, all joint goals of County of San Diego, Caltrans, SANDAG, City of El Cajon and City of Santee, substantially alleviating congestion and improving traffic flow through the area. This is particularly necessary during commuter hours, but essential during disasters and evacuations which have occurred twice in the past five years.

Finally, I requested, and the Subcommittee appropriated, \$250,000 in this legislation for the East County Boys & Girls Club Teen Center project through the Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiatives account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys & Girls Club of East County Foundation, Inc., located at 8820 Tamberly Way, Santee, California 92071.

The East County Boys & Girls Club Teen Center project focuses on the rehabilitation of the 48-year-old Boys & Girls Club building and conversion of the Wells Park Fieldhouse into a facility that can service young adults. With the rehabilitation of both facilities, the number of El Cajon youth that can be served will increase from 230 to 400 per day. The Boys & Girls Clubs of East County have provided a number of recreational, cultural and leadership programs that promote good behavior, active lifestyles and a positive alternative to the streets. By converting the existing Clubhouse to a center for 6-10 year olds, and relocating the 11-18 year old population to the new Teen Center, the Boys & Girls Club will enhance learning environments for both populations resulting in improved academic achievement, citizenship, decreasing police contact and vastly improving health through childhood obesity and athletic programs.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thousand Oaks

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Description of Request: This request of \$500,000 is for a project to widen the US-101 and SR-23 Interchange from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road (US-101) and Hillcrest Drive (SR-23). The proposed improvements include the extension of existing auxiliary lanes in both directions, conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes, addition of a northbound lane, realignment and widening of ramps at the interchange, and the construction of soundwalls and retaining walls. The improvements are necessary to relieve congestion along the 101 and 23 Freeways in the City of Thousand Oaks. The California Department of Transportation recently began the three-year project to widen the Route 23 Freeway connecting to the 101/23 Interchange. Completion of the improvements is crucial to achieve the congestion benefits of the project. The Ventura County Transportation Commission considers both improvements as two integral parts of a single congestion relief project. Since the freeway widening is now underway, the interchange improvement needs to move forward without delay. The bill provides \$500,000 in funding for this project request.

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Grade Crossings on Designated High Speed Rail Corridors

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SCRRA—Metrolink

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: This request of \$2,000,000 will be used for an important project that enhances safety at highway-rail grade crossings through the construction of grade crossing safety improvements, including median barriers, four-quadrant gates at crossings, fencing at strategic points, traffic signal

system upgrades, additional traffic signage, and street striping improvements. These safety enhancements will take place at crossings in the Simi Valley and Moorpark areas in Ventura County. The objective is to reduce the opportunity for accidents in the corridor.

Within my congressional district, there are fourteen highway-rail crossings needing funding along the Ventura County Line, with two projects currently underway. In 2005, Metrolink, in partnership with cities throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, developed the Sealed Corridor program to improve safety at highway-rail grade crossings. The first in the nation, the Sealed Corridor program takes a systematic approach and performs on-site diagnostics to identify grade crossing enhancements to reduce and eliminate accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians. Grade separation costs range from \$20 to \$70 million and with 464 at-grade crossings on the Metrolink system, funding to grade separate all crossings is unlikely. The Sealed Corridor approach is a cost-effective alternative that will improve rail safety through a comprehensive strategy to enhance the safety of trains, passengers, motorists, and pedestrians in the areas serviced by Metrolink. The bill provides \$750,000 in funding for this project.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the FY2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Unit 169; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for equipment, supplies, and production at the Center for Cancer Immunology. This Center is utilizing innovations in immunotherapies and vaccinations to cure cancer.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Foundation, 9401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1200; Houston, TX 77074

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to the Memorial Hermann Chil-

dren's Autism Program. This request will support comprehensive health care for children and families affected by autism. Clinical staff will conduct full assessments of patients, coordinate initial referrals for hospital outpatient testing, and conduct follow-up visits with patients and families to provide ongoing monitor of patient progress.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, 6411 Fannin; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System for upgrades to the Critical Level 1 Trauma Care Center. The purpose of this request is to purchase equipment at the Level 1 Trauma Center and expand existing adult and pediatric trauma care facilities. This equipment is critical to the Center's ability to serve its patient volume, which is the highest in the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Rice University, 6100 Main Street, MS 603; Houston, TX 77005

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$150,000 to the Rice University BioScience Research Collaborative. This request is to purchase equipment for the BioScience Research Collaborative, dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of human disease through biomedicine and drug development.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 7000 Fannin, Suite 1550; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$150,000 to the Center for Translational Neuroinformatics at the University of Texas Health Science Center. The Center conducts innovative research to prevent and treat developmental and neurodegenerative diseases including autism, Alzheimer's and brain injury.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Hospital District, 2525 Holly Hall; Houston, TX 77054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 to the Harris County Hospital District for CHP Digital Radiology. The purpose of this request is to purchase direct-capture digital imaging devices. This equipment will enhance clinical work flow, patient treatment and increase the productivity of imaging technologists.